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1. In February 1955 a total of 81,052,163 kg of various goods were transported in 4,405 freight cars through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (Pl9/X89) - Marchegg (Pl9/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 67,395,627 kg in 3,493 carloads and 14 cases went from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves, and 13,656,536 kg in 912 carloads and six cases went in the opposite direction.

The following goods were involved:

A. Metals	153,525 kg in	8 carloads
B. Metal goods	1,450,579 kg in	95 carloads & 10 cases
C. Chemicals	2,714,485 kg in	191 carloads
D. Liquid & solid fuels	42,581,830 kg in	2,121 carloads
E. Textiles	435,587 kg in	52 carloads & 4 boxes
F. Foodstuffs	28,626,195 kg in	1,597 carloads
G. Lumber	3,793,010 kg in	229 carloads
H. Other items	1,296,952 kg in	112 carloads & 6 boxes
Total	81,052,163 kg in	4,405 carloads & 20 cases

Apart from this, 1,968 empty tankers went through the two border stations, 1,097 from Czechoslovakia and 861 from Poland to Austria for refilling, and 10 in the opposite direction.

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2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during February 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	153,525	8	-	-	-	-	153,525	8
B.	216,357	15	160,523	14	954,860	56	1,331,740	85
C.	315,895	22	119,555	8	1,151,756	67	1,587,206	97
D.	12,742,020	756	29,686,510	1,358	-	-	42,428,530	2,114
E.	314,822	33	25,372	2	-	-	340,194	35
F.	780,951	57	-	-	19,908,932	1,023	20,689,883	1,080
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	242,023	17	331,133	39	231,385	14	804,541	70
Total	14,765,593	908	30,323,093	1,421	22,246,933	1,160	67,335,619	3,489

In addition there were four carloads (60,008 kg) of rolled iron sheets to Eastern Germany bringing the total of "metal goods" (B) to 1,391,748 kg in 89 carloads, and the grand total to 67,395,627 kg in 3,493 carloads.

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Austria:		UNCODED		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	153,525	8	-	-	153,525	8
B.	1,231,225	75	160,523	14	1,391,748	89
C.	1,254,061	74	202,870	14	1,587,206	97
D.	42,428,530	2,114	-	-	42,428,530	2,114
E.	2,164	-	338,030	35	340,194	35
F.	24,000	2	756,951	55	20,689,883	1,080
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	2,240	1	760,916	67	804,541	70
Total	45,095,745	2,274	2,219,290	185	67,395,627	3,493

(Abbreviations: AU - Austria JU - Yugoslavia
 CSR - Czechoslovakia
 old(s) - carload(s)
 DNV - Devinska Nova Ves)

3. Imports to the CSR via Marchegg - DNV in February 1955 were composed of:

- a. Metals (zinc ore in bars)
 in eight clds to Ilava (Pl49/T69) from AU (Nussdorf) 153,525 kg
- b. Metal goods
 in 15 clds and two cases from AU 216,357 kg
 - (1) Iron construction parts
 in six clds to DNV 92,780 kg
 - (2) Cable
 in four clds to DNV 62,916 kg
 - (3) Rolled iron sheets
 in four clds to Bratislava & Move Zanky (Pl48/T78) 57,525 kg
 - (4) Umbrella struts
 in one cld to Bratislava 2,639 kg
 - (5) Spare parts for pumps
 in two cases to Puchov (P50/061) 502 kg

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- c. Chemicals
in 22 clds [] 315,895 kg 25X1
- (1) Sulphur
in 10 clds to Bratislava [] 160,020 kg
- (2) Burnt magnesite
in five clds to Bratislava [] 75,000 kg 25X1
- (3) Hexachlorocyclohexane
in four clds to Bratislava [] 55,275 kg
- (4) Cryolite
in one cld to Sv.Kriz nad Hronom (Q49/C54) [] 15,000 kg 25X1
- (5) Chromic acid
in two clds to Povazska Bystrica (Q50/071) [] 10,600 kg
- d. Liquid fuels (crude oil)
in 756 clds to DNV from AU (Matzen)¹ 12,742,020 kg
- e. Textiles
in 33 clds [] & four cases from AU 314,822 kg 25X1
- (1) Raw cotton
in 27 clds to Rybarpole (Q50/C99) [] 252,697 kg 25X1
- (2) Hemp
in six clds to Samorin (P49/Y18) [] 59,961 kg
- (3) Blankets
in four cases to DNV from AU 2,164 kg
- f. Foodstuffs
in 57 clds ([] 2 AU) 780,951 kg 25X1
- (1) Apples
in 25 clds to DNV
from: [] 301,000 kg 25X1
AU 277,000 kg in 23 clds
24,000 kg in 2 clds
- (2) Oranges
in 14 clds to DNV [] 201,903 kg 25X1
- (3) Rice
in 10 clds to Galanta (P49/T40) [] 155,940 kg
- (4) Lemons
in eight clds to DNV [] 122,118 kg
- g. Other items
in 17 clds ([] 1 AU) 242,023 kg
- (1) Ground linseed cake
in 13 clds to DNV [] 194,851 kg 25X1
- (2) Soybean meal
in three clds to [] 44,932 kg
- (3) Collective consignments
in one cld to DNV from AU 2,240 kg

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4. The goods consigned to Poland consisted of:

a. Liquid fuels
in 1,358 tankers from AU 29,686,510 kg

(1) Crude oil 18,260,090 kg
 in 909 tankers from Vienna & Matzen
 to: Trzebinia 13,623,550 kg in 706 tankers
 Jedlice 4,636,540 kg in 203 tankers

(2) Gasoline 6,434,600 kg
 in 254 tankers from Vienna
 to: Limanowa 1,905,900 kg in 79 tankers
 Zagorzany 1,692,180 kg in 64 tankers
 Czechowice 1,425,600 kg in 49 tankers
 Slawcice 719,480 kg in 32 tankers
 Zagan 406,340 kg in 17 tankers
 Wroclaw 285,100 kg in 13 tankers

(3) Petroleum 2,901,340 kg
 in 105 tankers from Vienna
 to: Bierawa 1,708,180 kg in 61 tankers
 Limanowa 873,640 kg in 30 tankers
 Ustrzyki Dolne 299,220 kg in 13 tankers
 Kozle 20,300 kg in 1 tanker

(4) Gas oil 2,090,480 kg
 in 90 tankers from Vienna
 to: Kozle 861,420 kg in 40 tankers
 Nowa Sol 770,240 kg in 37 tankers
 Wroclaw 458,820 kg in 13 tankers

b. Other items 331,133 kg 25X1
 in 39 clds [] which contained:

auto tires 272,655 kg in 34 clds
 fireproof bricks 36,267 kg in 2 clds
 auto tubes 14,688 kg in 2 clds
 collective consignments 7,523 kg in 1 cld

c. Metal goods 160,523 kg 25X1
 in 14 clds & eight cases [] which contained:

auto wheels (without tires) 82,338 kg in 5 clds
 auto spare parts 28,519 kg in 2 clds
 iron construction parts 19,130 kg in 3 clds
 ironware (unspecified) 11,480 kg in 1 cld
 machine spare parts 9,500 kg in 1 cld
 machinery (unspecified) 5,888 kg in 2 clds
 steam boilers 2,525 kg in 4 crates
 spare parts for diesel engines 748 kg in 2 cases
 spare parts for pumps 395 kg in 2 cases

d. Chemicals 119,555 kg 25X1
 in eight clds (7 AU; [] which contained:

polyvinyl chloride 102,305 kg in 7 clds from AU
 magnesium oxide 17,250 kg in 1 cld from IT

e. Textiles (artificial silk yarn) 25,372 kg 25X1
 in two clds []

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5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted of:

a. Foodstuffs²
in 1,023 clds which contained: 19,908,932 kg 25X1

wheat 18,612,952 kg in 959 clds
wheaten flour 1,295,980 kg in 64 clds

b. Chemicals
in 67 clds from AU which contained: 1,151,756 kg

caustic soda 1,121,756 kg in 65 clds
talc 30,000 kg in 2 clds

c. Metal goods
in 56 clds from AU which contained: 954,860 kg

rolled iron sheets 556,165 kg in 33 clds
steel wire 164,990 kg in 9 clds
steel rods 122,063 kg in 7 clds
iron wire 59,537 kg in 3 clds
rolled band iron 32,160 kg in 2 clds
band steel 10,605 kg in 1 cld
spare parts for pumps 9,340 kg in 1 cld

d. Other items
in 14 clds () which contained: 231,385 kg 25X1

fodder seeds 115,000 kg in 7 clds from IT
"baltacinsamen" (sic) 60,000 kg in 4 clds from IT
raffia bast 41,385 kg in 2 clds from SW
bone glue 15,000 kg in 1 cld from IT

6. The only item consigned to Eastern Germany (Bad Schandau) comprised four clds (60,008 kg) of rolled metal sheets from AU.

7. Shipments in the direction DNV - Marchegg during February 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

Austria:		<input type="text"/>		Total:	
	kg cars	kg cars	kg cars	kg cars	kg cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-
B.	2,845	1	-	-	-
C.	190,838	15	319,353	29	55,986
D.	153,300	7	-	-	58,831
E.	95,393	17	-	-	1,127,279
F.	7,433,572	483	-	-	94
G.	-	-	292,600	20	153,300
H.	34,229	5	301,440	18	95,393
			142,056	13	7,936,312
			-	-	517
			-	-	3,793,010
			-	-	229
			-	-	30
Total	7,910,177	528	1,055,449	80	13,430,026
			4,464,400	292	900

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In addition there were 12 clds (226,510 kg) of china clay to Yugoslavia bringing the total of "other items" (H) to 492,411 kg in 42 clds, and the grand total to 13,656,536 kg in 912 clds.

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These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	53,425	5	-	-	5,406	1	58,831	6
C.	1,076,679	91	20,300	1	30,300	2	1,127,279	94
D.	153,300	7	-	-	-	-	153,300	7
E.	95,393	17	-	-	-	-	95,393	17
F.	7,936,312	517	-	-	-	-	7,936,312	517
G.	3,793,010	229	-	-	-	-	3,793,010	229
H.	469,651	40	-	-	22,760	2	492,411	42
Total	13,577,770	906	20,300	1	58,466	5	13,656,536	912

8. Exports from the CSR via DNV - Marchegg were composed of:

- a. Metal goods
in five clds (1 AU) 53,425 kg 25X1
- (1) Diesel engines
in two clds from Bratislava 27,000 kg 25X1
- (2) Semi-finished metal goods
in one cld from Zlate Moravce (Q49/T83) 14,000 kg 25X1
- (3) Steel machinery
in one cld from Hlinik nad Hronom (Q49/Ch4) (Trieste) 9,580 kg 25X1
- (4) Assembly tools
in one cld from Dubnica nad Vahom (P49/T69) to AU 2,845 kg
- b. Chemicals
in 91 clds (15 AU) 1,076,679 kg 25X1
- (1) Charcoal
in 65 clds from Hnusta (Q49/D33) 660,900 kg 25X1
to: 350,900 kg in 34 clds
AU 240,000 kg in 24 clds
70,000 kg in 7 clds
- (2) Cellulose
in 12 clds from Ruzomberok (Q50/C99) & Martin (Q50/C69) 194,941 kg 25X1
to: 145,888 kg in 9 clds
49,053 kg in 3 clds
- (3) Bleaching lye
in seven clds from Bratislava 120,000 kg 25X1
to: 100,000 kg in 6 clds
AU 20,000 kg in 1 cld
- (4) Carbide
in four clds from DNV & Novaky (Q49/T97) to AU 59,070 kg
- (5) Zinc sulphate
in one cld from DNV to AU 16,568 kg
- (6) Sulphuric acid
in one cld from DNV to AU 15,200 kg
- (7) Starch
in one cld from Boleraž (P49/T13) to AU 10,000 kg

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- c. Solid fuels (hard coal)
in seven clds from the Ostrava coal basin to AU 153,300 kg
- d. Textiles
in 17 clds to AU 95,393 kg
- (1) Flax oakum
in 14 clds from DNV 74,280 kg
- (2) Flaxen & oakum waste
in two clds from DNV 16,443 kg
- (3) Rayon waste
in one cld from DNV 4,670 kg
- e. Foodstuffs
in 517 clds (483 AU; [redacted]) 7,936,312 kg 25X1
- (1) Rye
in 383 clds from various CSR stations to AU 5,773,912 kg
- (2) Wheat
in 68 clds from various stations in Slovakia to AU 1,055,810 kg
- (3) Malt
in 38 clds from Trnava (Pl9/T22)
to: AU 407,080 kg in 20 clds 681,880 kg 25X1
[redacted] 274,800 kg in 18 clds
- (4) Barley
in 14 clds from Slovakia [redacted] 210,140 kg 25X1
- (5) Hazel nuts (shelled)
in four clds from DNV to AU 60,100 kg
- (6) Maize
in four clds from DNV to AU 59,820 kg
- (7) Cottonseed oil
in one cld from DNV to AU 45,030 kg
- (8) Chicory root
in two clds from DNV 20,710 kg
to: AU 10,700 kg in 1 cld 25X1
[redacted] 10,010 kg in 1 cld
- (9) Malt sprouts
in two clds from DNV 19,540 kg
to: AU 11,750 kg in 1 cld 25X1
[redacted] 7,790 kg in 1 cld
- (10) Salted guts (solena streva)
in one cld from DNV to AU 9,370 kg
- f. Lumber
in 229 clds [redacted] from various stations in Slovakia 3,793,010 kg 25X1
- (1) Cut lumber
in 163 clds 2,750,740 kg
[redacted] 2,605,060 kg in 154 clds 25X1
145,680 kg in 9 clds

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- (2) Tree trunks & logs
in 24 clds

413,360 kg

257,600 kg in 15 clds
155,760 kg in 9 clds

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- (3) Sets of wooden crates
in 23 clds

315,890 kg

25X1

- (4) Hardboard sheets

in 13 clds from Banska Bystrica (Q49/C76)

202,940 kg

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- (5) Poles

in six clds

110,080 kg

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g. Other items

in 40 clds

(12 JU;

5 AU)

& six boxes (AU)

469,651 kg

- (1) China clay (kaolin)

in 12 clds from Nove Sedlo & Mnichov (N51/P59)
to JU (Novi Dvori)

226,510 kg

- (2) Fodder

in five clds from DNV

75,200 kg

- (3) Millet grass

in nine clds from DNV

62,522 kg

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- (4) Hollow glassware

in four clds from Utekac (Q49/D24) & Zlatno (Q49/D23)
21,613 kg in 3 clds
4,661 kg in 1 cld

26,274 kg

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- (5) Medicinal herbs

in three clds from DNV

15,796 kg

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- (6) Millet seeds

in one cld from DNV

15,750 kg

- (7) Feathers

in two clds from DNV

12,550 kg

- (8) Paper (unspecified)

in one cld from Ruzomberok

12,433 kg

- (9) Rice straw

in two clds from DNV to AU

12,270 kg

- (10) Fodder-beet seeds

in one cld from Sladkovicovo (P49/T30)

10,000 kg

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- (11) Printing blocks

in six boxes from Bratislava to AU

346 kg

9. The only item shipped from Poland via DNV - Marchegg in February 1955 was one cld (20,300 kg) of benzol

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10. Shipments from Hungary via DNV - Marchegg consisted of:

- a. Chemicals (paraffin)
in two clds 30,300 kg 25X1
- b. Other items
in two clds 22,760 kg
- which contained:
- ground "bentonit" (sic) 20,000 kg in 1 cld
baskets 2,760 kg in 1 cld
- c. Metal goods (locksmith tools)
in one cld 5,406 kg 25X1

1. Comment. The crude oil shipped from Matzen (Austria) to Devinska Nova Ves (CSR) is re-consigned at the Devinska Nova Ves RR station to Mukacevo (formerly in Carpatho-Ruthenia, CSR, now USSR). The bills of lading concerning these crude oil shipments are accompanied by an open envelope containing new customs declaration forms and stick-labels for the Devinska Nova Ves - Mukacevo (Sh9/A30) transit. The envelope, together with the bills of lading, is handed over to the CSR RR officials at the Devinska Nova Ves RR station. The clearance of this item has priority over all other goods. CSR RR employees say that great emphasis is being laid on quick dispatching of the crude-oil tankers from Devinska Nova Ves to Mukacevo. It is believed among the Austrian RR employees that the reason why the crude-oil is consigned to Devinska Nova Ves only is to give the general impression in Austria that the oil is destined for the CSR, i.e. to conceal the fact that it goes to the USSR

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